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For: **INCORPORATION OF DRILLING CUTTINGS
INTO STABLE LOAD-BEARING STRUCTURES**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
SUBMITTED UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98**

MAIL STOP — AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is a self-executing Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 regarding the above-referenced United States Patent Application.

I Introduction

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of United States Patent No. 6,706,108 B2 to Polston (the "Polston patent") known to Applicant or Applicant's attorney and having arguable relevance or materiality respecting the patentability of the invention disclosed and claimed in the instant Patent Application.

II Remarks

The Polston patent is accompanied by a completed Form PTO-1449 identifying the patent and presenting the requested information.

The subject matter of the Polston patent relates to the treatment of partially de-liquified oil and gas waste by combining the waste with an aggregate, a binder and a stabilizer to provide a suitable roadbed base material. As set forth in the patent, “[t]he resulting product is a stabilized road base that not only is of a superior grade, but will not leach hydrocarbons, chlorides or RCRA metals in excess of constituent standards set forth in the Clean Water Act” (Column 3, lines 15–18).

Accordingly, the Polston patent is concerned with avoiding the leaching of impurities from the road base. There is no exemplification, disclosure or suggestion in the Polston patent that the product used for the stabilized road base forms Applicant’s claimed “load-bearing structure having sufficient resistance to rutting that any rut formed in such surface by 10,000 applications of a single-axle load of 18,000 pounds will have a depth of rutting that is less than 1 inch.”

The patent submitted herewith is in the English language. Accordingly, Applicant, through his undersigned attorney, respectfully submits that no “concise explanation” regarding the relevance of the document is required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3).

Applicant is filing a Request for Continued Examination with this Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, no fee is required in connection with the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). In

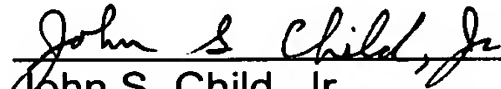
the event that Applicant is in error, Applicant submits an Authorization to Charge Deposit Account 04-1406.

III Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests careful consideration of this additional prior art reference in connection with a prompt and thorough examination of Application Serial No. 10/037,630 on its merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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